



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 23, 2010, sentenced Samuel D. Zollicoffer to 151 months imprisonment following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. On January 15, 2009, a Lincoln Police Investigator contacted Mr. Zollicoffer for driving on a suspended license. A small amount of crack cocaine was discovered. A few days later, undercover officers with the Lincoln/Lancaster Narcotics Task Force conducted a series of controlled buys of crack from Mr. Zollicoffer. That evidence, along with information from a number of cooperating individuals who had bought and/or sold crack from or to the defendant resulted in Mr. Zollicoffer's conviction for over 700 grams of crack. In addition to the prison sentence, Mr. Zollicoffer was also ordered to complete five years of supervised release.

Name of Defendant: Samuel D. Zollicoffer

AKA:

Age: 50

City of Residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine- 10 years to life imprisonment; \$4,000,000 fine; no less than 5 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 50 grams crack

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 1, 2005 through April 1, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: N/A

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: N/A

Initial Appearance Date: October 22, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled February 4, 2010

Sentencing Date: June 23, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: October 22, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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